The Power Gifts - Faith, Miracles, and Healings
The Gifts of the Spirit - Part 6
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A. The Gift of Faith

1. Faith is a gift from God.

I Corinthians 12:1, 7, 9 (NIV)

- 2. Definition of Faith.
 - i. To believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance 'to believe in, to have confidence in, to have faith in, to trust, faith, trust"
 - ii. This gift is a **supernatural assurance**, a divine confidence and knowledge that God is going to work all things for our good in spite of the circumstances. (Phil Taylor)
 - iii. A Message from God.

Acts 27:22, 25 (NIV)

Quote: "You know that you know!" (Oral Roberts) that you have heard from God.

B. The Gift of Healing

I Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

1. **HEALING:** The supernatural power to heal disease. This gift is also plural, i.e., Gifts of Healing the capacity to pray the prayer of faith and see results.

This gift is given to the person whom God uses to restore someone. The Greek term used here, can be used to refer to both physical healing and spiritual restoration.

2. Is part of our inheritance as Believers.

Mark 16:17-18 (NIV)

3. Nothing is impossible with God.

Acts 3:6-7 (NIV)

"Over the last several weeks we've seen God heal miraculously... <u>YOU'VE</u> <u>HEARD THE TESTIMONIES</u>!"

Though Wigglesworth believed mightily in God's promise to heal,

- 1) he himself mourned the early deaths of his wife and a son.
- 2) He prayed frequently for his daughter Alice Salter to be healed of deafness but to no avail.
- 3) To add to his frustration, he endured excruciating pain for 3 years from a "thorn in the flesh"—kidney stones.

Like others, he could only deduce that he hadn't mustered sufficient faith.

DISCLAIMER: "Why aren't people healed, **I DON'T KNOW!**"

C. The Gift of WORKING in the area OF MIRACLES

I Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)

1. Working of Miracles. This gift is a **supernatural intervention** in the ordinary course of nature. It is a suspension or superseding of natural law as we know and perceive it in favor of God's children and purpose.

Working of miracles: Literally *dynameis*, or "acts of power." This describes when the Holy Spirit chooses to "override" the laws of nature *(as a pilot might use manual controls)*, working in or through an available person. (David Guzik, *1 Corinthians*, David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible (Santa Barbara, CA: David Guzik, 2013), 1 Co 12:7–11.)

Acts 19:11-12 (NIV)

Matthew 8:23-26 (NIV)

Quote: "A divine intervention that alters circumstances." (Robert Morris)

Next Steps: Today I am:

- 1. Committing my life to Christ
- 2. Asking God for a miracle in my life.
- 3. Needing a healing in my life.
- 4. Needing God to calm the storm in my life.